



**DECLARATION**  
(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT  
or CIP Application)

**ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.**  
33105

As a below named inventor I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**HIDDEN DECK FASTENER SYSTEM**

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c) for type of application)

**REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION**

(a) [ ] is attached hereto.  
(b) [X] was filed on August 5, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/634,499.

**PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL PHASE**

(c)  was described and claimed in International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

[ ] In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: (complete (d) or (e))

(d) [ ] no such applications have been filed.  
(e) [ ] such applications have been filed as follows

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION**

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing	Date of Issue	Priority Claimed
				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION**


**PROVISIONAL**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States application(s) listed below:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
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**CONTINUATION-IN-PART**

(Complete This Part Only If This Is A Continuation-In-Part Application)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a), which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: ) Confirmation No.:  
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Serial No.: 10/634,499 ) Group Art Unit  
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Filed: August 5, 2003 )  
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HIDDEN DECK FASTENER SYSTEM )

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Owner of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-referenced application is Correct Building Products, L.L.C. (hereinafter "Assignee"), a Maine corporation, with its principal place of business at 15 Morin Street, Biddeford, Maine 04005. The undersigned, Martin Grohman, has the authority to sign on behalf of Assignee.

An assignment of the above-referenced application from the inventor, Martin Grohman, to Assignee is attached hereto.

Assignee hereby appoints the attorneys and agents of Hovey Williams LLP, associated with Customer Number:

**23589**

as its attorneys and agents for the purpose of receiving all future correspondence in connection with said patent application and transacting all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to said patent application.

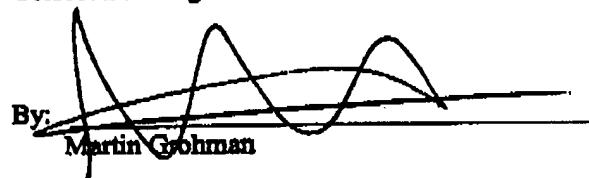
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Correct Building Products, L.L.C.

By:   
Martin Grohman

07-11-2004  
DATE

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Martin Grohman, of 45 Mountain Road, Biddeford, ME 04005, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

HIDDEN DECK FASTENER SYSTEM,

which is the subject of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/634,499, filed August 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Correct Building Products, L.L.C., a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maine, and having its principal place of business at 15 Morin Street, Biddeford, Maine 04005, is desirous of acquiring an interest in, to, and under said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention in the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Martin Grohman, have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said Correct Building Products, L.L.C., the full and exclusive right, title, and interest, throughout the world, in, to, and under the following:

- (a) said invention as fully set forth and described in the specification prepared and executed by me on even date herewith preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor;
- (b) said Application Serial No. 10/634,499 filed August 5, 2003;
- (c) any and all refilings and continuations of said application;
- (d) any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America that may issue from said application, refilings, divisions, and continuations;
- (e) any and all reissues of said Letters Patent of the United States of America;
- (f) any and all applications for Letters Patent on said invention that may hereafter be filed in any and all countries foreign to the United States of America;
- (g) any and all refilings, divisions, and continuations of said foreign-filed applications;
- (h) any and all Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America that may issue from said foreign-filed applications, refilings, divisions, and continuations; and
- (i) any and all extension of, and additions to, said Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America.

ALL of the above shall be held and enjoyed by said Correct Building Products, L.L.C. for its own use and behoof, and for its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

Executed this 19 day of July, 2004



Martin Grohman

STATE OF )  
                  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF      )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared Martin Grohman, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_